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*Pauperism and Poor-Rates in the Parochial Year 1842; abstracted from the Ninth Annual Report of the Poor Law Commissioners, 1843.*

THE parochial year is reckoned by the Poor Law Commissioners from Lady-day to Lady-day, and is named after the natural year in which its termination falls, so that the parochial year 1842 is the year ended at Lady-day, 1842. The total amount levied by assessment in this year was 6,552,890*l.*, and the sum received from other sources in aid of the poor-rate 201,514*l.*, making the total receipts 6,754,404*l.* Of this sum the proportion expended for the relief of the poor was 4,911,498*l.*; in law charges, 68,051*l.*; in fees to vaccinators and for register books, &c., under the Vaccination Act, 33,744*l.*; in fees to clergymen and registrars, and in outlay for books, &c., under the Registration Act, 52,379*l.*; in payments for surveys, valuations, &c., under the Parochial Assessments Act, 40,178*l.*; in fees to enumerators and other payments under the last Census Act, 57,111*l.*; in payments for or towards the county rate, 1,230,718*l.*; for all other purposes, 318,092*l.*; making a total expenditure of 6,711,771*l.*, including 153,481*l.* in medical relief.

The following table will illustrate the nature of the increase of pauperism which has taken place during the parochial year 1842:—

TABLE I.—*Summary of Returns, showing the Number of Paupers relieved in England and Wales during the Quarters ended at Lady-day, 1840, 1841, and 1842, respectively; also the Amount of Money expended for In-Maintenance and Out-Relief during each of the Years ended Lady-day, 1840, 1841, and 1842, with the Rate per Head of such Expenditure on the Population in 1841, and the average Price of Wheat per Quarter in each Year.*

POPULATION in 1841, 15,906,829.

Quarters ended Lady-day.	Number of Paupers relieved.			Proportion per Cent. on Population in 1841.	Years ended Lady-day.	Expenditure for In-Maintenance and Out-Relief.			Rate per Head of Expenditure on Population in 1841.	Average price of Wheat per Quarter during each Year.
	In-door.	Out-door.	Total.			In-Maintenance.	Out-Relief.	Total.		
1840	169,232	1,030,297	1,199,529	8	1840	£. 808,151	£. 2,931,263	£. 3,739,414	s. d. 4 8	s. d. 68 6
1841	192,106	1,106,942	1,299,048	8	1841	£. 890,883	£. 2,995,330	£. 3,886,213	s. d. 4 11	s. d. 65 3
1842	221,954	1,207,402	1,429,356	9	1842	£. 928,086	£. 3,108,367	£. 4,056,453	s. d. 5 1	s. d. 64 0
Average	194,431	1,114,880	1,309,311	8 $\frac{2}{100}$	..	£. 875,707	£. 3,011,653	£. 3,887,360	s. d. 4 11	s. d. 65 11

NOTE.—An estimate is made for those places which are not under the provisions of the Poor Law Amendment Act.

This table shows that in the parochial years 1840, 1841, and 1842, there has been a progressive increase in the number of persons relieved, both in and out of the workhouse, and of the cost of their maintenance. The increase, however, has been proportionally greater in the in-door than the out-door paupers.

The following table shows the proportions of able-bodied and other classes included in the number relieved:—

TABLE II.—*Number of In-door and Out-door Paupers relieved in 581 Unions in England and Wales, during the Quarters ended Lady-day, 1841 and 1842 respectively; distinguishing the Number of Adult able-bodied from all other Classes.*

Number of Unions.	Quarters ended Lady-day.	Number of In-door and Out-door Paupers relieved.							Proportion per cent. of Adult able-bodied Paupers to total Number of In-door and Out-door Paupers.		
		Adult able-bodied.			All other Classes, including Children.			Grand Total.			
		In-door.	Out-door.	Total.	In-door.	Out-door.	Total.		In-door.	Out-door.	Total.
581 {	1841	65,631	280,953	346,584	126,475	825,989	952,464	1,299,048	34	25	27
	1842	83,692	323,883	407,575	138,262	883,519	1,021,781	1,429,356	38	27	29

The following table shows the number of paupers in the Lady-day quarter, 1842, compared with their numbers in the years 1803 and 1815, as abstracted from returns made to Parliament by the overseers :—

TABLE III.—*Comparative Statement, showing the Total Number of Paupers relieved in England and Wales during the Years ended at Easter, 1803, and Lady day, 1815, and for the Quarter ended Lady-day, 1842; with the proportion per cent. of Paupers relieved on the Population at each Period.*

Population of England and Wales in 1801.	Number of In-door and Out-door Paupers relieved, including Children, during the Year ended Easter, 1803.	Proportion per Cent. to Population in 1801.	Population of England and Wales in 1811.	Number of In-door and Out-door Paupers relieved, including Children, during the Year ended Lady-day, 1815.	Proportion per Cent. to Population in 1811.	Population of England and Wales in 1841.	Number of In-door and Out-door Paupers relieved, including Children, during the Quarter ended Lady-day, 1842, being the Quarter in which the largest number of Paupers were relieved during the Year ended Lady-day, 1842.	Proportion per Cent. to Population in 1841.
8,872,980	1,040,716	12	10,150,615	*1,319,851	13	15,906,829	1,429,356	9

\* The number of children not being included in the Return for 1815, an estimate has been made from actual returns, assuming the same proportion of children to the number of adults relieved.

We annex a statement illustrating the incidence of the poor-rate upon various sorts of property :—

TABLE IV.—*A Return showing the Amount of Money levied for Poor-Rates in England and Wales for each of the Years ended Lady-day 1826, 1833, and 1841; distinguishing the Amount levied on Landed Property, Dwelling Houses, and "all other kinds of Property."*

Years ended Lady-day.	AMOUNT OF MONEY LEVIED BY ASSESSMENT.						
	On Landed Property.	Proportion per cent.	Dwelling Houses.	Proportion per cent.	All other Property.	Proportion per cent.	Total Amount Levied.
	£.		£.		£.		£.
1826	4,795,482	69	1,814,228	26	356,447	5	6,966,157
1833	5,434,890	63	2,635,258	31	536,353	6	8,606,501
1841	3,316,593	52	2,375,221	37	660,014	11	6,351,828
Average	4,515,655	62	2,273,902	31	517,605	7	7,308,162

Summary of Income of Charities reported upon by the Charity Commissioners.

COUNTY OR CITY.	RENT.		RENT-CHARGE.		INTEREST.		TOTAL.		Income of Grammar Schools.		Income of Schools not Classical.		Income of Charities given for, or applied to, Education.	
	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.
<b>ENGLAND.</b>														
Bedford . . . . .	12,147	4 5	618	17 8	954	13 5	13,720	15 6	616	0 0	1,105	8 6	263	4 4
Berks . . . . .	13,658	0 10	1,660	6 11	6,073	17 8	21,392	5 9	431	3 10	4,188	7 11	612	17 2
Buckingham . . . . .	7,862	13 1	1,607	17 5	1,926	15 3	11,397	5 9	654	15 11	803	2 0	272	16 2
Cambridge . . . . .	12,463	11 7	1,062	11 4	2,637	2 10	16,163	5 9	367	0 0	2,010	13 4	232	18 3
Chester . . . . .	6,973	7 7	1,239	5 1	3,399	7 0	11,631	19 8	2,297	15 0	1,232	11 6	240	16 0
Cornwall . . . . .	1,858	17 10	423	19 2	968	14 2	3,251	11 2	54	13 8	676	8 0	198	8 7
Cumberland . . . . .	1,950	13 5	435	13 5	1,041	16 4	3,428	3 2	1,227	14 11	671	4 3	148	19 0
Derby . . . . .	10,559	19 1	2,031	19 5	2,668	18 9	15,260	17 3	2,805	0 7	1,929	5 2	214	4 9
Devon . . . . .	20,006	10 1	2,420	5 6	6,289	12 0	28,716	7 7	1,522	13 9	5,019	13 9	838	15 1
Dorset . . . . .	7,190	15 6	885	10 4	1,280	8 8	9,356	14 6	1,458	14 2	1,218	8 0	117	0 0
Durham . . . . .	16,495	2 8	804	12 3	4,048	6 1	21,348	1 0	685	1 7	832	8 8	219	17 10
Essex . . . . .	15,875	5 9	1,489	4 6	4,207	17 5	21,572	7 8	3,937	4 8	2,872	2 5	682	9 10
Gloucester . . . . .	13,769	8 10	1,817	7 6	3,872	15 10	19,459	12 2	2,337	16 6	3,739	17 9	784	1 8
Hertford . . . . .	5,362	0 4	1,497	18 7	6,042	3 1	12,902	2 0	1,818	8 6	1,370	16 11	86	10 9
Huntingdon . . . . .	8,132	12 4	1,558	17 5	2,864	12 2	12,556	1 11	1,198	18 1	1,377	7 11	309	13 7
Kent . . . . .	3,055	11 11	249	17 6	365	4 8	3,670	14 1	326	1 6	705	10 4	145	12 0
Lancaster . . . . .	26,545	2 0	3,161	3 0	9,686	4 3	39,392	9 3	1,337	2 2	5,868	9 9	1,221	6 6
Leicester . . . . .	24,380	14 3	5,087	12 7	5,854	2 3	35,322	9 1	11,428	19 1	7,687	2 11	343	11 11
Lincoln . . . . .	16,537	13 8	1,703	13 4	2,823	4 11	21,064	11 11	3,469	17 6	1,577	17 9	383	19 7
London { Royal Hospitals . . . . .	30,352	17 4	2,291	8 8	3,452	4 4	36,096	10 4	6,325	13 9	5,080	8 6	558	11 8
London { Chartered Companies . . . . .	99,840	5 9	2,395	1 6	26,528	8 2	128,763	15 5	..	..	..	..	..	..
London { Parochial Charities . . . . .	55,153	6 0	6,655	6 7	23,877	6 1	85,885	18 8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Westminster . . . . .	28,990	11 9	1,616	8 7	8,196	8 2	38,703	8 6	49,241	19 0	7,104	14 9	1,134	12 5
Middlesex . . . . .	13,629	10 4	294	7 8	4,633	17 4	18,557	15 7	162	10 0	5,789	10 2	..	..
Monmouth . . . . .	17,293	12 9	1,340	17 10	12,806	16 7	31,440	16 11	3,599	7 3	13,832	19 6	816	12 7
Norfolk . . . . .	3,745	12 1	312	8 0	821	11 6	4,879	11 7	1,319	0 10	1,363	5 4	39	10 0
Northampton . . . . .	30,450	8 0	1,433	8 9	5,359	13 2	37,243	9 11	2,057	14 7	3,663	3 6	601	8 4
Northumberland . . . . .	16,188	2 9	1,872	13 4	2,615	13 10	20,676	9 11	1,263	7 5	2,867	5 4	613	11 11
Nottingham . . . . .	3,851	13 10	639	1 1	1,799	9 3	6,290	4 2	1,086	5 2	1,457	1 3	51	8 6
Nottingham . . . . .	13,559	6 11	758	0 0	1,855	2 0	16,172	8 11	1,495	7 10	1,848	5 9	417	9 6

Oxford	7,876	11	0	1,494	16	0	4,574	5	1	13,945	12	1	806	17	11	1,256	13	10	223	2	2
Rutland	4,194	11	11	321	9	0	271	10	3	4,787	11	2	1,290	0	11	218	12	1	29	17	6
Salop	15,567	0	6	1,460	12	7	4,550	13	3	21,578	6	4	4,251	15	7	2,529	8	4	224	7	3
Bristol	12,612	8	3	2,028	8	5	5,230	3	8	19,871	0	4	62	9	2	6,812	16	11	17	13	0
Somerset	12,526	11	2	1,613	12	10	4,449	14	2	18,589	18	2	1,761	7	7	2,567	5	3	449	2	3
Southampton	6,051	16	8	1,910	16	7	3,707	15	7	11,670	8	10	916	2	0	2,268	17	11	511	8	3
Stafford	14,221	0	2	2,335	14	10	3,836	4	10	20,392	19	10	4,469	18	4	2,060	4	0	461	15	9
Suffolk	25,483	9	9	1,806	0	3	1,659	3	5	28,948	13	5	1,388	11	11	2,032	9	0	1,009	4	9
Surrey	29,345	17	11	1,633	2	4	6,706	15	11	37,685	16	2	2,318	8	5	3,776	1	8	524	2	8
Sussex	5,061	15	0	882	5	6	4,233	19	6	10,178	0	0	775	1	2	3,023	19	3	356	19	6
Coventry	8,920	7	4	194	3	0	1,301	14	3	10,416	4	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Warwick	26,592	15	6	1,224	14	5	3,865	10	11	31,683	10	8	6,301	15	9	6,119	13	2	696	15	4
Westmorland	3,750	13	9	404	11	2	1,282	9	1	5,437	0	10	1,615	19	7	600	0	10	34	2	6
Wilts	10,376	7	0	1,525	3	2	4,761	7	1	15,662	17	3	412	16	6	1,487	12	5	324	12	2
Worcester	14,427	14	8	1,647	2	10	4,292	13	7	20,367	11	1	2,227	4	1	6,186	7	0	243	9	3
York, City of, and East Riding	17,978	17	9	1,201	1	5	4,090	17	8	23,270	16	10	1,847	17	4	1,673	18	8	748	12	2
„ North Riding	7,069	15	0	1,448	17	6	1,311	19	7	9,830	12	1	2,303	9	6	911	1	8	523	12	5
„ West Riding	41,214	17	5	3,464	17	2	8,096	3	9	52,775	18	4	10,748	12	5	6,015	11	3	865	14	6
NORTH WALES.																					
Anglesey	1,021	17	6	175	9	8	199	13	4	1,397	0	6	447	15	0	45	10	0	46	3	6
Caernarvon	1,729	15	10	193	0	4	241	19	8	2,164	15	10	781	13	10	73	14	0	32	8	4
Denbigh	3,398	12	0	315	14	1	646	19	1	4,361	5	2	542	8	0	681	6	1	34	15	2
Flint	702	7	6	240	19	4	327	1	4	1,270	8	2	87	6	9	225	5	0	21	16	0
Merioneth	404	8	2	95	7	0	343	9	10	843	5	0	175	3	4	134	1	0	7	10	0
Montgomery	665	9	0	443	15	11	472	16	9	1,582	1	8	98	0	0	556	8	6	36	6	4
SOUTH WALES.																					
Brecon	708	5	4	560	1	7	260	8	8	1,528	15	7	56	9	4	162	13	10	35	0	0
Cardigan	287	8	0	4	0	0	79	10	6	370	18	6	258	18	6	35	0	0	12	0	0
Caernarthen	246	0	0	237	18	0	604	3	7	1,088	1	7	20	0	0	355	13	1	21	8	0
Glamorgan	541	7	9	199	2	8	310	12	1	1,051	2	6	170	0	0	287	14	10	38	4	0
Pembroke	1,393	0	10	183	16	6	205	14	6	1,782	11	10	170	4	8	269	18	6	18	18	0
Radnor	498	9	0	108	3	6	1,004	14	7	1,611	7	1	184	8	6	202	6	0	13	0	0
GENERAL CHARITIES																					
	61,664	1	8	1,189	12	9	23,278	18	1	86,132	12	6	1,800	0	0	944	12	0	..	..	..
Total	874,313	16	0	79,930	5	3	255,151	11	5	1,209,395	12	8	152,047	14	1	141,385	2	6	19,112	8	8